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OF: Masaaki HARASAWA et al.

ART UNIT: 2839

USSN: 10/017,983

CONFIRMATION NO. 8381

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EX.: S. V. Nguyen

FOR: Electric Connector for  
Electrically Connecting a  
Wire of One Article to a  
Contact of Another Article  
(as amended)

Due: January 2, 2003 (with  
a Two Month Term  
Extension)

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 2, 2002 INCLUDING AN  
ATTACHED TERM EXTENSION REQUEST AND AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET WITH  
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Dear Sir:

The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended  
with the enclosed Term Extension Request and fee payment (Credit  
Card Payment Form PTO-2038).

Please amend the above identified application as follows.